



Washington State Department of
CHILDREN, YOUTH & FAMILIES

Provider Supports Subcommittee
Discussion Questions/Feedback

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Leadership Panel

Do you have any additional questions or thoughts you would like to share with Ross/DCYF Leadership?

I don't feel heard. Still... I feel like it's a political system that we will never be able to successfully navigate.

While you may think you are taking our feedback, if we are telling you repeatedly that we do not feel heard, you need to listen to that and change your approach so we don't feel that way.

Ross wants his leadership team to build our agenda for our meeting?

Who owns this group? Is it a DCYF group? Can they end it if they choose to?

Thank you for sharing who to reach out to regarding the transitional kindergarten issues - this helps to feel heard.

Thank you for your transparency in answering our questions. I would like to know if there is a way to have homeless children be fully funded continuously despite their parents' qualifications for subsidy. These kiddos need the stability.

I would like to see our group have a channel with leadership of Licensors - like a regular agenda item with an Area Supervisor on perspective of providers.

I don't know what CE will decide, but I don't like the idea of DCYF leadership inserting themselves into our agenda.

Why won't licensing show up for topics that are added to the agenda? Julie said they've had to cancel some topics when they won't show up.

Seems like they won't directly address the feeling that we feel unheard after spending hours on these meetings.

So the Retention Grant was based on a Seattle model? Why?

Surprised to hear that OSPI isn't regulating TK at all. It's left to each district to make up their own rules. Problematic!

Funny - not funny - that he joked about appointing a co-chair. Isn't this OUR committee?

We already came up with topics for agendas. Why can't DCYF commit to showing up UNLESS they get to weigh in on agendas?

We feel unheard by DCYF regularly. I think this "request" that they help plan agendas should go "unheard".

With regard to Stabilization grants, please share the rationale for awarding more funds per child for family home centers than were awarded per child to child care centers. It would help to know the reasons why that decision was made.

Providers who self-report a serious injury are only required to report to the licensor. Licensors tell providers to call CPS hotline. Providers are then treated as guilty until proven innocent. This system deters providers from doing the right thing.

Trauma Informed Care

Do you have any initial reactions or suggestions about the structure for providing trauma-informed financial awards?

- If this training becomes retroactive, give STARS credits for it.
- This should be an optional training. Not required.
- If this is a stand-alone training (outside of CCB), it needs to provide STARS hours.
- Please consider the child care workforce staffing crisis in your decision making.



What additional trauma-informed training and education should be included in the FSKA award structure?

- Teacher trainings and family training.

What other trauma-informed supports are needed?

- Resources for kids, parents and staff on all of the different types of trauma and their impact on home and classroom environments

How can DCYF ensure that provider voices continue to be included in shaping supports?

- Take our feedback seriously.

General Feedback

Do you have any additional thoughts or comments on the topics so far?

The Foundational Training for Trauma informed care will be valuable to every setting. One approach to initial roll out would be to assure every site has one person on board and for the agency to show recognition for that and for above and beyond.

With a BA already I would like to see a way to augment with additional classes to meet the IECMH Level.

Need to have the contact info for Jess Mayrer as did not see it on a slide.

Question for licensing around self-reporting - turns into a complaint.

For future planning regarding licensing issues: When reporting to a licensor that a 911 call was placed, the automatic response is to call CPS and it kick starts an investigation as a complaint against the program.

While it can be hard to hear critique, DCYF is failing childcare right now. You claim to be listening, but we are not being heard. the system is broken and you should not say that things don't happen, because they do.

It is sad that you have staff that refuse to come to speak with providers because they don't want to hear how upset we are. listening and hearing and following through on our concerns would cause them to be less upset voices.

Lots of licensing questions came up in our breakout room. It would be good for this group to be able to submit those.

Please share any additional questions or comments about today's meeting.

Why was Ross talking about getting involved in our agendas?

We heard that Licensing hasn't attended any of our meetings. Travis was here today though. Does Luba ever attend?

I love getting updates about everything that concerns our work. It never seems like there is enough time for discussion. By the time we get to the root of our concerns, it is time to move to the next topic. How can we fix this?

Some people were nodding when Ross was talking about getting his team involved in our agendas. Was that agreement from them?

I'd like to know about who controls our meetings. Who is in the chain of command? Where is Deanna?

I asked where is Deanna, but actually where are all the folks usually involved other than Erin? How many are on that team?

My understanding was that this group is not controlled by DCYF. Am I mistaken? Secretary Hunter is pushing for control? Or what? Luba won't attend? Has she ever attended?

Am I eligible to apply as co-chair if I'm not on this committee? How can I get on the committee?